LAST DAYS OF SILVER SURFER®

SECRET WARS

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CHOSEN BY GALACTUS TO BE HIS HERALD AND IMBUED WITH THE POWER COSMIC, NORRIN RADD FROM THE PLANET ZENN-LA BECAME THE

SILVER SURFER

NOW FREED FROM HIS SERVITUDE TO THE WORLD EATER, THE SILVER SURFER TRAVELS THE SPACEWAYS ON A MISSION OF HEROISM AND DISCOVERY!

BORN TO A COUPLE OF VERY NICE PEOPLE IN THE SMALL TOWN OF ANCHOR BAY, MASSACHUSETTS, A YOUNG GIRL IN LOVE WITH HER HOMETOWN GREW UP TO BE

DAWN GREENWOOD

CO-MANAGER OF THE GREENWOOD INN! THAT IS, UNTIL SHE WAS KIDNAPPED BY ALIENS!

TOGETHER, THE SILVER SURFER AND DAWN CONQUERED COSMIC VILLAINY AND DAWN CHOSE TO ACCOMPANY THE SURFER ON HIS SPACE ADVENTURES.

BUT WHEN THEY FINALLY DECIDED TO RETURN TO EARTH, THE FINAL INCURSION BETWEEN EARTH-616 AND EARTH-1610 OCCURRED, DESTROYING BOTH UNIVERSES. THE SURFER AND DAWN OUTSURFED THE END OF THE MULTIVERSE AND ESCAPED THROUGH A TEAR IN REALITY.

THEY FOUND THEMSELVES IN A PLANE OF NON-EXISTENCE, BUT THEY WEREN'T ALONE. GLORIAN, THE MAKER OF MIRACLES, GREETED THEM WITH A TANTALIZING OFFER: ALLY WITH THE SHAPER OF WORLDS TO REBUILD THE UNIVERSE THAT WAS LOST...

DAWN AGREED TO USE HER MEMORIES TO RESTORE EARTH WHILE THE SURFER LEFT TO RESTORE THE REST OF THE UNIVERSE. BUT THE SURFER UNMADE GALACTUS WHILE DAWN UNKNOWINGLY CREATED ANOTHER VERSION OF NORRIN--AND THE SHAPER OF WORLDS ISN'T HAPPY WITH THE CHANGES...

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BEHOLD, GLORIAN, YOU HAVE TASKED ME WITH RECREATING THE UNIVERSE...

...AND WITH THIS FINAL ACT, I AM DONE.

AMAZING. YOU HAVE RESTORED YOUR FORMER HOMEWORLD, ZENN-LA.

YES. I SAVED IT FOR LAST.

A FITTING REWARD.

WHAT?

IF YOU WISH, I COULD BRING THE *EARTHGIRL* HERE IN A SNAP.

THE PERFECT PLANET. YOUR FAVORITE COMPANION. YOU COULD BE *HAPPY* HERE.

NO. I WOULD *NEVER* WISH THAT.

ZENN-LA WAS ALWAYS A LITTLE *TOO* PERFECT FOR MY TASTES.

I SPENT MY EVERY MOMENT HERE DREAMING OF DISTANT STARS AND WANTING TO EXPLORE STRANGE, NEW--

THE WORLDS!

THE SHAPE OF EVERY WORLD IS WRONG!

MASTER?

THE SHAPER? WHAT'S HAPPENING TO HIM?

IT'S *HIS* ENERGY--HIS *FORM*--THAT WE'VE BEEN USING TO REBUILD ALL OF CREATION.

HE'S FADING NOW. SOON THERE SHALL BE NOTHING LEFT OF HIM.

SHAPER, PLEASE, WHILE THERE'S STILL TIME. TELL US. WHAT IS TROUBLING YOU?

YOU HAVE MADE ERRORS. DUPLICATIONS. ANOMALIES. THESE MUST BE DEALT WITH...

...IF YOUR NEW UNIVERSE IS TO SURVIVE. *HURRY!*

IN HIS EYES... THOSE WERE THE SURVIVORS OF NEW HAVEN.

I THINK I UNDERSTAND. HERE, LET ME BEND THE FABRIC OF SPACE...

...WE MUST RETURN TO THE *PLANET EUPHORIA!* RIGHT AWAY!

EUPHORIA! WHAT IS HAPPENING?

WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS TO US?

MY POOR INHABITANTS! THIS ISN'T MY DOING. I SWEAR!

THERE! DO YOU SEE? THE SETTLERS OF EUPHORIA ARE REFUGEES...

...OF ALL THE WORLDS YOU HELPED TO DESTROY.

WHEN YOU BROUGHT THOSE PLANETS *BACK*...

IT CREATED DUPLICATES OF *THEM* AS WELL!

THEY ARE LITERALLY BEING TORN BETWEEN TWO WORLDS!

FORGIVE ME, MY FRIENDS. HERE, I SHALL SPEED YOU ON YOUR WAY.

RETURN TO YOUR HOME PLANETS. BE WITH YOUR LOVED ONES ONCE MORE.

NO! DON'T TAKE ME FROM MY FRIENDS! MAMA HUB! HELP!

I AM SORRY, CHILDREN. PERHAPS...

...I AM ILL-SUITED TO PLAY GOD.

MY WARDS! RETURN THEM AT ONCE! THEY WERE MINE TO LOOK AFTER--TO EASE THEIR PAIN.

I-I CAN'T, EUPHORIA. THEIR SUFFERING HAS BEEN UNDONE. THEY'LL BE HAPPY NOW.

COME, SURFER. WE'RE DONE HERE. TIME TO HEAD BACK TO YOUR FRIEND, MS. GREENWOOD, AND...

ANCHOR BAY! NORRIN! ZEE! WE DID IT! WE CIRCLED THE EARTH!
MORE THAN THAT. YOU *REMADE* THE EARTH, DAWN.
WITH VERY LITTLE HELP FROM YOU, NORRIN RADD. YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO PITCH IN.
UNNECESSARY. YOU LIKE TO BELIEVE AN ALIEN LIKE MYSELF KNOWS MORE ABOUT *YOUR* HOMEWORLD...
...BUT THE TRUTH IS, BETWEEN NEWS, SCHOOL DAYS, STORIES, AND SONGS...
...THE KNOWLEDGE FOR RESTORING YOUR PLANET WAS ALREADY INSIDE YOU.
YOU'RE MUCH MORE THAN JUST SOME SHELTERED PERSON FROM THIS SEASIDE TOWN.
YOU HAD NO NEED FOR ME TO "PITCH IN."
I KNOW. BUT...I'M GLAD YOU WERE ALONG FOR THE RIDE.
MS. GREENWOOD? NOW THAT WE *ARE* BACK, ONE MATTER REMAINS. SOMETHING YOU'VE BEEN PUTTING OFF.
DAD'S REQUEST. HE WANTED ME TO USE THESE POWERS...
...TO BRING MOM BACK.

I DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD DO THAT, ZEE...

WHY NOT? IT WOULD BRING NOTHING BUT HAPPINESS TO YOUR FATHER, YOUR FAMILY...

...AND YOURSELF. YOU'VE BEEN CHARGED WITH REBUILDING THE UNIVERSE...

"...WHY *NOT* MAKE IT A *BETTER* PLACE?"

I COULD. IT'D BE EASY. AND...

...AND...

WRONG. WHAT HAPPENED...

...*HAPPENED.* WE'RE SUPPOSED TO REMAKE THE *UNIVERSE*. NOT THE *PAST*.

NORRIN, TELL ME I'M DOING THE RIGHT THING.

YOU KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT.

I REALLY *DON'T*. THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING. BECAUSE I *TRUST* YOU. MORE THAN *ANYONE* I KNOW, I TRUST...

...THE SILVER SURFER?!

DAWN!

I HAVE RETURNED! MY APOLOGIES FOR NOT COMING SOONER.

BY ALL THE STARS! WHO IS THAT?

AS I FEARED. ANOTHER DUPLICATION.

BEHIND ME, DAWN! THIS IS CLEARLY A SKRULL!

STAY AWAY FROM HER, BASE IMPOSTER!

DAWN, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

WHY ON EARTH WOULD YOU FASHION ANOTHER... ME?

WHAT?!

SILVER UP!

BEWARE, PRETENDER! FOR NOW YOU FACE-- WHY AREN'T I SILVERING UP?

THIS IS THE FINAL ANOMALY. AS ITS CREATOR, MS. GREENWOOD, YOU MUST CHOOSE.

ONLY ONE... MAY EXIST. AND THEN THE SHAPE OF THIS UNIVERSE... WILL BE COMPLETE.

CHOOSE A SURFER?! WAIT! WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THE OTHER ONE?

THIS IS--IT'S BANANAS!

I CAN'T EVEN CHOOSE A DIFFERENT OUTFIT! I CAN'T DO THIS!

AHH! WE ARE SO CLOSE, MASTER! THIS IS THE FINAL STEP! I CANNOT WAIT ANY LONGER!

TAKE CONTROL! CHOOSE FOR HER!

IT...IS NOT MY PLACE. BESIDES, MY POWER IS...ALL BUT GONE NOW.

HAVE...PATIENCE, GLORIAN.

PATIENCE?! WITH YOUR POWER DEPLETED, I HAVE NO MORE NEED FOR PATIENCE!

THAT IS A LUXURY FOR A SLAVER--NOT HIS SLAVE!

ZRAKK

YARGHHH!

YES! WITNESS MY ASCENSION! NOW--FOR THIS UNIVERSE--I AM ITS SHAPER!

AND MORE IMPORTANTLY-- I AM FREE!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? NORRIN? SURFER?!

WE'VE BEEN TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF, DAWN.

USED AS PAWNS IN SOME FAR GREATER GAME.

AND WITH THAT GAME AT AN END, ALL THE PIECES MAY FINALLY BE REVEALED!

NO LONGER MUST I CALL MYSELF "THE LOWLY ZEE". WITNESS THE ASTONISHING RETURN OF--

THE *INCREDULOUS ZED!*

ZED? FROM THE IMPERICON? *HM.* NEVER REALLY GOT A GOOD LOOK AT HIM.*

WHO'S THAT AGAIN?

WHY DON'T *YOU* KNOW HIM?

WELL, *YOU* DIDN'T.

*BACK IN SURFER #3. AND NOPE, SHE DIDN'T. TOM

TRUST ME, DAWN. THAT'S HIM.

HA! BECAUSE OF OUR LAST ENCOUNTER, I WAS CAST OUT OF THE *OLD* UNIVERSE.

BUT NOW I GET TO BE NEXT-IN-LINE TO THE *GOD* OF THIS ONE! NOT BAD, *EH?*

BUT WHY, GLORIAN? WHY SLAY THE SHAPER?

I THOUGHT *YOU*, OF ALL BEINGS, WOULD UNDERSTAND, SURFER.

HE WAS MY ALL-POWERFUL MASTER. I HAD TO WAIT FOR THE ACTUAL *END* OF THE UNIVERSE...

...FOR A TASK SO GRAND THAT IT WOULD EXPEND *ALL* HIS ENERGY. ONLY THEN COULD I FREE MYSELF FROM HIS YOKE.

WOULDN'T *YOU* HAVE DONE THE SAME, TO END *YOUR* SERVITUDE TO THE MIGHTY GALACTUS?

WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT? WHO IS THIS "GALACTUS"?

REALLY? HOW COULD YOU NOT KNOW *THAT?*

DON'T YOU SEE? YOU CREATED THE *PERFECT* VERSION OF ME. AND IN YOUR EYES...

...THE PERFECT SURFER WOULD BE ONE WHO *NEVER* SERVED THE WORLD-EATER.

YOUR CHOICE IS SIMPLE NOW. PICK *HIM*.

WHAT? BUT HE *HAS* TO BE THE ONE WHO'S NOT REAL.

HE'S AS REAL AS THIS NEW WORLD. AND HE IS THE ONE WHO WILL MAKE YOU HAPPY.

WAIT. I'M NOT REAL?

SO YOU DID *ALL* OF THIS JUST TO BE FREE OF YOUR ALL-POWERFUL MASTER?

YES.

AND NOW *YOU* SHALL... SERVE...

WAIT. "*NEXT-IN-LINE*"? YOU'D EVENTUALLY *BETRAY* ME *TOO*, WOULDN'T YOU?!

UM. I WOULDN'T! I SWEAR I'D--

EH. WHY RISK IT?

GYAH!

ZHOOM

I GROW WEARY OF THIS WAITING. *CHOOSE*, DAWN GREENWOOD. AND BE *DONE* WITH IT!

NO!
NO?
I REFUSE. YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW THE RIGHT ONE? I *DO*, BUT THE MOMENT I PICK...
...YOU *WIN*. AND YOU'RE *CLEARLY* THE BAD GUY HERE, SO I'M NOT LETTING *THAT* HAPPEN.
SHE'S RIGHT. YOU *NEED* FOR US TO CHOOSE. BUT WHY?
HOLD ON. THE SHAPER SAID THERE CAN'T BE ANY ANOMALIES OR DUPLICATIONS...
...WHAT IF THAT HOLDS TRUE FOR *THIS ENTIRE REALITY?!*
THAT'S *INSANE!* YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SAYING!
NORRIN?
WITH THIS LAST CHOICE, WE *COMPLETE* THIS UNIVERSE. WE *CHOOSE* IT OVER *ANOTHER!*
BOARD? WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?
I THINK TOOMIE'S FIGURED IT OUT!
WHY AREN'T *YOU* DOING ANYTHING? WE *ARE* THE FAKE ONES, AREN'T WE?
BUT THAT MEANS THERE'S *ANOTHER* UNIVERSE OUT THERE? THE OLD ONE?
MAYBE IT'S STILL A *POSSIBILITY?* IF SO...HOW DO WE CHOOSE IT INSTEAD?!

WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME, BOY?

HEY! IN YOUR REFLECTION THAT'S...

OH.

THE FIRST TIME I MET THE NEVER QUEEN, SHE LET ME CHOOSE THE SHAPE OF HER HEART...

...OF *EVERY* POSSIBILITY.

AND WHAT SHAPE DID YOU CHOOSE?

MY *FRONT GATE!* BACK AT MY HOME!

SHE SAID *EVERYTHING* WOULD BE POSSIBLE...

...IF I WAS ON THE *RIGHT SIDE* OF THAT GATE!

DON'T YOU DARE!

WHOA!

BOARD, TO THE *GATE! FAST AS YOU CAN!*

YOU WOULD DEFY ME?!

I AM THE ONE WHO LET YOU REMOLD REALITY ITSELF! I GAVE YOU EVERYTHING!

KOW

YOU WILL PAY FOR THIS BETRAYAL!

DAWN, I'M SORRY. HE HAS US! THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN--

GO! AND KEEP HER SAFE!

SEE? ONLY THE REAL NORRIN WOULD LOVE YOU ENOUGH TO-- KYAHH!

ZRAM

HA! IT'S DONE! THE ANOMALY IS NO MORE!

MY UNIVERSE IS FINISHED!

I SHOULD HAVE DONE THAT BEFORE.

BEING A GOD IS STILL SO NEW TO ME. BUT IT ALL WORKED OUT IN THE--

THE GATE, DAWN!

ALMOST THERE!

STOP! I COMMAND YOU TO--

AND JUST LIKE THAT, ONE POSSIBILITY...

...IS WITHIN YOUR REACH.

IT'S *HER*, THE *NEVER QUEEN!*

WHAT DOES SHE MEAN?

IT MEANS THAT A *FUTURE* EXISTS AGAIN.

ONE MOMENT.

ONE HOPE.

ONE WISH.

OHH!

NORRIN RADD OF ZENN-LA. DAWN GREENWOOD OF EARTH.

THIS ONE LAST CHOICE IS YOURS TO MAKE...

CHOOSE!

YES! IT'S STILL THERE! OUR OLD UNIVERSE!

WE CAN PICK THAT ONE, RIGHT?

NO, WE CAN'T. NOT WHILE IT REMAINS IN THE *THRALL OF DOCTOR DOOM!*

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, WE CANNOT CHOOSE A UNIVERSE UNDER DOOM'S CONTROL.

TRUST ME, DAWN GREENWOOD. NO FATE COULD BE WORSE THAN THAT!

SURFER, LOOK!

AT LAST! I AM FREE!*

*TO SEE HOW THAT HAPPENED, READ SECRET WARS #9! -TOM

ETERNITY! YOU HAVE RETURNED! AND VICTOR VON DOOM NO LONGER INFLUENCES YOU?

I CANNOT SAY. I AM THE SUM AND TOTAL OF ALL THINGS. EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE AFFECTS ME.

BUT THAT'S *OUR* UNIVERSE INSIDE YOU? COMING BACK?

IT IS THE UNIVERSE YOU KNOW, BUT NOT AS YOU HAVE KNOWN IT.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? IS IT THE SAME OR DIFFERENT?

IT IS BOTH. FAMILIAR. STRANGE. OLD AND NEW.

THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME. THIS ONE?

AGREED. WE PICK--

WAIT!

WHATEVER YOU MAY THINK OF ME, *THAT* UNIVERSE IS IN FLUX. IT'S UNKNOWN.

THE ONE INSIDE ME IS THE ONE *YOU* CRAFTED.

THE ONE WITH YOUR FRIENDS--AND *FAMILY.*

MY HOME. EVE. DAD.

THEY-- THEY MIGHT NOT EXIST IN THE OTHER REALITY. WE *HAVE* TO CHOOSE...

HOLD ON, LADYBUG. THINK ABOUT IT.

I'M NOT *REALLY* YOUR DAD, AM I? I'M ALL YOUR THOUGHTS AND MEMORIES OF HIM.

AND I *DO* LOVE YOU, DAWN.

I LOVE YOU *SO* MUCH THAT I KNOW--IF THERE'S EVEN A *CHANCE* YOUR REAL DAD IS OUT THERE...

...YOU *DESERVE* TO BE WITH HIM. YOU DESERVE *REAL* LOVE.

IS IT? IN *MY* REALITY YOU BROUGHT BACK *EVERY* PLANET YOU HELPED DESTROY.

IN MY REALM, ALL YOUR SINS ARE WASHED CLEAN.

IT'S OVER, GLORIAN.

CHOOSE ETERNITY. TURN YOUR BACK ON ME...

...ALL THESE WORLDS WOULD *DIE* AGAIN.

BY YOUR HAND.

...

YOU WIN.

NORRIN, DON'T. THEY'RE JUST MAKE-BELIEVE. DAYDREAMS.

ALL OF YOUR WOULD-HAVES AND SHOULD-HAVES...

BUT THEY WERE INSIDE ME. I MADE THEM *REAL.*

THEY'RE REGRETS. WE DON'T GET TO CHOOSE DIFFERENT PASTS.

WHAT YOU DO GET TO CHOOSE IS THE FUTURE--THE PERSON YOU WANT TO BE.

YOU *WERE* A HERALD. YOU *CHOSE* TO BE A HERO. A DEFENDER!

A KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR, WITH HIS TRUSTY STEED, READY TO SAVE THE UNIVERSE!

SAVE IT ONE MORE TIME.

THAT IS HOW YOU SEE ME NOW?

STOP! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! I'M THE UNIVERSE OF *YOUR OWN MAKING!*

ALL THAT YOU *CARE* ABOUT.

EVERYWHERE YOU'VE EVER BEEN. EVERYTHING YOU'VE EVER SEEN.

AND *NOTHING* MORE.

NORRIN, YOU'VE ALWAYS SAID THE UNIVERSE-- THE *REAL* UNIVERSE-- IS INFINITE AND EVER EXPANDING--

DON'T LISTEN TO HER!

WELL? COME ON. DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE *NEW* STARS?

YES, WITH YOU.

MOOOOO

WE REALLY HAVE *NO* IDEA WHERE WE'RE GOING, DO WE?

I DO!

ANYWHERE AND EVERYWHERE!

HANG ON!

YOUR UNIVERSE

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